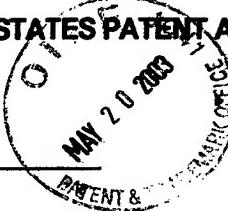


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PATENT
APPLICATION

Inventor(s): EDLINGER
 Appln. No.: 09 | 890,820
 Series Code ↑ | Serial No. ↑

Filed: August 2, 2001
 Title: Process For Producing Marl Slag



Group Art Unit 1731
 Examiner: Fiorilla, C.
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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 Sir:

AMENDMENT

This is a reply/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated hereinto by reference and the signature below is treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

FEE REQUIREMENTS FOR CLAIMS AS AMENDED

1. "Small Entity" statement(s) filed
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(No.)

	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Large/Small Entity	Additional Fee	Fee Code
2. Total Effective Claims	13	**minus 20	0	x \$/\$ =	+ 0	103/203
3. Independent Claims	1	***minus 3		x \$/\$ =	+ 0	102/202
4. If amendment enters proper multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for first time (leave blank if this is a reissue application)		add	+ \$/\$ =		+ 0	104/204
5. Original due Date: May 27, 2003	<input type="checkbox"/> NONE					
6. Petition is hereby made to extend the original due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached	(1 mo) (2 mos) (3 mos)	\$/\$ = \$/\$ = \$/\$ =	+ 0			115/215 116/216 117/217
7. Enter any previous extension fee paid since above original due date and subtract		- 0				
8.			Extension Fee Attached	+ 0		
9. If Terminal Disclaimer attached, add Rule 20(d) official fee			+ \$/\$ =	+ 0		148/248
10. If IDS attached requires Official Fee, or if Rule 97(d) Petition	add add	+ \$ = + \$ =	+ 0		126 122	
11. After-Final Request Fee per rules 129(a) and 17(r)		+ \$/ =	+ 0			146/246
12. No. of additional inventions for examination per Rule 129(b)		x \$/ ea =	+ 0			149/249
13. Petition fee for			+ 0			
14.		TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =	\$ 0			

15. *If the entry in this space is less than entry in next space, the "Present Extra" result is "0".

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This CHARGE STATEMENT does not authorize charge of the issue fee until/unless an issue fee transmittal sheet is filed.

Query: Is appeal deadline now? If so, file Notice of Appeals separately.

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 26, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows.

In The Claims

Amend claims 2 and 3 as follows:

2. (Twice amended) A process according to claim 1, wherein the first process step is realized in a suspension heat exchanger, a rotary tubular kiln, a multiple-hearth furnace, a shaft furnace, or a fluidized bed or cyclone preheating unit.

3. (Twice amended) A process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein the second process step is carried out in a melting cyclone, a rotary tubular kiln, a hearth furnace, or in an iron melting oxidation reactor.

See the attached Appendix for the changes made to effect the above amendments.

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